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Chief FONOFF political section told Embassy Officer Danish Cabinet in meeting yesterday decided not, to adopt any special defense measures at present time result Cuban crisis. Cabinet action followed recommendations both Folketing Foreign Relations Committee and Chief Defense Staff. Following Cabinet meeting PRIMIN Krag made public statement events so far do not indicate requirement intensify military preparedness. PRIMIN also said Danish shipowners association been briefed by FONOFF on Cuban developments and that association representatives told FONOFF no arms or ammunition being carried Cuba on Danish ships nor are such shipments expected in future.

In broadcast last night honoring UN day PRIMIN said in part "It can not be denied that information made public on Cuba's armament with atomic weapons and rockets, and the resulting developments have cast shadow over UN day. Development is expression of aggravated international situation which must cause concern. We feel convinced measures US President has felt it necessary implement based on definite information Cuban developments and close evaluation situation. It is sincere hope of Government both sides will avoid allowing situation develop dangerous direction. Government naturally following developments greatest attention but has found no reason to take special measures present time. USA has now submitted matter to Security Council and must be hoped situation alleviated by UN intervention."

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FONMIN Haekkerup in TV broadcast said " situation causes concern and alarm but no panic..." FONOFF confirmed press reports Government has made special arrangements maintain quick contact with leaders major political parties. FONOFF also queried Embassy informally whether word "craft" as used ninth paragraph Presidential Proclamation could be interpreted include "aircraft." Embassy Officer replied personal opinion was word in context used intended apply surface craft, although movement offensive weapons such as nuclear warheads by aircraft also under study and being discussed with allies (Department Circular Telegram 736).

Embassy understands Danish Embassy Washington been instructed ask Department following question:

A) Whether quarantine applies ships using windward passage between Haiti and Cuba enroute Panama Canal or other non-Cuban destinations;

B) How quarantine affects previously published four point US policy restrictions shipments to Cuba.

About 300 persons, most of whom appeared be students, demonstrated across street from Embassy last night and presented petition demanding US "blockade" be lifted. Demonstrators orderly and no violence or property damage. According press same group intends continue demonstrations each evening.

Editorial comment non-communist Danish press continues give general support US action although some few comments raise question reliability US intelligence on developments Cuba. Detailed editorial comment transmitted USIS channels with request pass State.

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